MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN ITS OFFICES ON MAY 31, 2017

Commission Chairman Sally A. Talberg called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. Executive Secretary Kavita Kale called the roll and declared there was a quorum.

PRESENT

Commission: Sally A. Talberg, Chairman

Norman J. Saari, Commissioner Rachael A. Eubanks, Commissioner

Staff: Kavita Kale

Blair Renfro Nick Assendelft Jill Rusnak Al Freeman Paul Proudfoot Jake Thelen Elizabeth Toy Derrell Slaughter Gloria Pearl Jones

Public: Darcy Marusich, State of Michigan

Donald G. Hazzard

Philip W. Dennis, DTE Energy Suzy Westmoreland, MEGA

Candace Gonzales, Consumers Energy

Jack Lynch, NSD, Inc.

Jessica Woycehoski, Consumers Energy

Tim Hoffman, Consumers Energy

Yvette Collins, AT&T

Connor Shantz, Consumers Energy

I. Commissioner Saari moved to approve today's agenda, Commissioner Eubanks seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks

Nays – None

The agenda was approved.

II. Commissioner Saari moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of May 11, 2017, Commissioner Eubanks seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks

Nays - None

The minutes were approved.

III. ORDERS

A. COMMUNICATIONS

U-14302 AT&T MICHIGAN AND CLEAR RATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
 U-18386 FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF MICHIGAN, INC., AND CHARTER FIBERLINK MICHIGAN, LLC
 U-18387 AT&T MICHIGAN AND ONVOY SPECTRUM, LLC (interconnection agreements and amendments)

Case No. U-14302 et al. requests Commission approval of interconnection agreements and amendments. The order before you approves the requests. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its May 31, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks Nays – None

The order was adopted.

2. U-18329 COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION (joint motion to dismiss)

Case No. U-18329 is an investigation commenced on the Commission's own motion into whether RCI Broadband may be in violation of the Uniform Video Services Local Franchise Act. The order before you grants the parties' joint motion to dismiss. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its May 31, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks Nays – None

The order was adopted.

3. U-18347 TALK AMERICA, LLC (permanent license)

Case No. U-18347 involves an application filed by Talk America, LLC, for a permanent license to provide basic local exchange service in the areas currently served by AT&T Michigan, Frontier North Inc., and

Frontier Midstates, Inc. The order before you approves the permanent license. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its May 31, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks Nays – None

The order was adopted.

4. MINUTE METRO ACT ACTION (tax credit)

Adopt and issue minute dated May 31, 2017, adopting the Commission Staff's recommendations as to the amount of the allowable tax credit for the telecommunications providers listed in the attached report under Section 8(14) of Public Act 48 of 2002, MCL 484.3108(14), the Metropolitan Extension Telecommunications Rights-of Way Oversight Act. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the minute at its May 31, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks Nays – None

The minute was adopted.

5. MINUTE PENINSULA FIBER NETWORK NEXT GENERATION SERVICES, ACTION LLC (9-1-1 wireless, U-14000)

Adopt and issue minute dated May 31, 2017, finding that the attached Peninsula Fiber Network Next Generation Services, LLC invoice No. 50003237 for the period of June 1, 2016, to February 28, 2017, is for wireless emergency service costs recoverable under 2007 PA 165, MCL 484.1408(4)(b). The Commission approves the attached invoice in the amount of \$469,049.15 for reimbursement by the Michigan Department of Treasury. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the minute at its May 31, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks Nays – None

The minute was adopted.

B. ELECTRIC

1. U-16650 CALPINE ENERGY SOLUTIONS, LLC, f/k/a NOBLE AMERICAS ENERGY SOLUTIONS, LLC (REP amendment)

Case No. U-16650 involves an application by Calpine Energy Solutions, f/k/a Noble Americas Energy Solutions, LLC, for approval of an amended renewable energy plan. The order before you finds the plan in compliance with 2008 PA 295. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its May 31, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks Nays – None

The order was adopted.

2. U-17377 COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION (LIEAF reminder)

Case No. U-17377 involves implementation of the provisions of 2013 PA 95. The order before you reminds utilities of the need to file required information no later than June 30, 2017. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its May 31, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks Nays – None

The order was adopted.

3. U-18090 CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY (PURPA avoided cost)

Case No. U-18090 involves an application by Consumers Energy Company to establish updated avoided costs for qualifying facilities under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act. The order before you, among other things, reopens the record for the taking of additional evidence on inputs to the avoided cost calculation models. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its May 31, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks Nays – None

The order was adopted.

4. U-18253 COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION

(SRM case – Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corporation's service territory)

U-18254 COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION

(SRM case – Upper Peninsula Power Company's service territory)

U-18258 COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION

(SRM case – Cloverland Electric Cooperative's service territory)

Case Nos. U-18253 et al. involve matters, on the Commission's own motion, to implement the provisions of MCL 460.6w for Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corporation, Upper Peninsula Power Company, and Cloverland Electric Cooperative. The order before you establishes prehearing conferences for the captioned cases. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its May 31, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks Nays – None

The order was adopted.

5. U-18342 CHERRYLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE AND THE TRAVERSE CITY LIGHT AND POWER DEPARTMENT

(transfer of customers)

Case No. U-18342 involves a joint application by Cherryland Electric Cooperative and The Traverse City Light and Power Department for ex parte approval of an agreement to transfer and exchange certain service areas, electric distribution facilities, easements, and accounts. The order before you approves the application. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its May 31, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks Nays – None

The order was adopted.

6. U-18409 COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION

(request for comments)

Case No. U-18409 is a matter on the Commission's own motion to adopt revised renewable energy plan filing requirements. The order before you invites interested persons to submit comments on the proposed filing requirements. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its May 31, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks Nays – None

The order was adopted.

7. MINUTE ACTION

COMMISSION APPROVAL OF ALJ VAN STEEL

Adopt and issue minute dated May 31, 2017, directing the Commission's Executive Secretary to advise Chris Seppanen, the Director of the Michigan Administrative Hearings System (MAHS), and Sharon L. Feldman, Administrative Law Manager of MAHS's Public Service Commission Division, to add the name of Administrative Law Judge Lauren Van Steel to the list of administrative law judges approved by the Commission to perform administrative hearing functions for the Commission as provided in MCL 445.2021 and Executive Order 2011-4. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the minute at its May 31, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Chairman Talberg Commented:

Chairman Talberg acknowledged the credentials of ALJ Lauren Van Steel and congratulated ALJ Sharon Feldman on being selected to manage the PSC ALJs under MAHS.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks Nays – None

The minute was adopted.

8. MINUTE ACTION

COMMISSION PFD WAIVERS

Adopt and issue minute dated May 31, 2017, authorizing the Commission's Executive Secretary to inform Sharon L. Feldman, the Administrative Law Manager for the Michigan Administrative Hearings System's Public Service Commission Division, of the Commission's decision to read the record pursuant to MCL 24.281(1) in the currently pending cases docketed as Case Nos. U-17771, U-17762, U-17763, and in all subsequently filed contested case proceedings where a final determination by the Commission is statutorily mandated to be completed in 90 days or less from the date of filing. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the minute at its May 31, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks Nays – None

The minute was adopted.

C. GAS

1. U-17332-R DTE GAS COMPANY ('15 GCR reconciliation)

Case No. U-17332-R is an application for approval of a gas supply cost recovery reconciliation. The order before you approves the reconciliation as set forth in the order. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its May 31, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks Nays – None

The order was adopted.

2. U-17890-R UPPER MICHIGAN ENERGY RESOURCES CORPORATION (Act 304 – GCR reconciliation)

Case No. U-17890-R involves an application by Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corporation for reconciliation of its 2105-2016 gas cost recovery costs and revenues. The order before you approves a settlement agreement resolving all issues in the case. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its May 31, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks Nays – None

The order was adopted.

3. U-18206 DTE GAS COMPANY (RDM reconciliation)

Case No. U-18206 involves an application by DTE Gas Company requesting ex parte approval to reconcile its revenue decoupling mechanism for the period November 1, 2015, through October 31, 2016. The order before you approves a settlement agreement resolving all issues in the case. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its May 31, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks Nays – None

The order was adopted.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

An audio recording of the proceedings of the May 31, 2017 meeting is archived in podcast format at: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mpsc/mpsc-cm-5-31-2017_572368_7.mp3.

Chairman Talberg announced that the next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting will be held on June 15, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission adjourn, Commissioner Eubanks seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks Nays – None

The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Kavita Kale
Executive Secretary